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What is a Desert?

- A desert is a landscape or region that receives very little precipitation - less than 250 mm per year (about ten inches).
- Approximately **1/3 of Earth's land surface is a desert.**
- There are two different types of deserts based upon their geographic situation:
 - hot deserts

- cold deserts
- Most of the hot deserts of the world are found on the western coast of the continent.

रेगिस्तान क्या है?

- मरुस्थल एक ऐसा भूदृश्य या क्षेत्र है जहां बहुत कम वर्षा होती है - प्रति वर्ष 250 मिमी से कम (लगभग दस इंच)।
- पृथ्वी की सतह का लगभग 1/3 भाग मरुस्थल है।
- भौगोलिक स्थिति के आधार पर मरुस्थल दो प्रकार के होते हैं:
 - गर्म रेगिस्तान
 - ठंडे रेगिस्तान
- विश्व के अधिकांश गर्म मरुस्थल महाद्वीप के पश्चिमी तट पर पाए जाते हैं।

Major Deserts of the World

Name	Type of Desert	Surface Area	Location
Sahara	Hot	3.5 million mi ²	Northern Africa
Arabian	Hot	1 million mi ²	Arabian Peninsula
Gobi	Cold	500,000 mi ²	China and Mongolia
Patagonian	Cold	260,000 mi ²	Argentina

Great Victoria	Hot	250,000 mi ²	Australia
Kalahari	Hot	220,000 mi ²	South Africa, Botswana, Namibia
Great Basin	Cold	190,000 mi ²	United States
Syrian	Hot	190,000 mi ²	Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Saudi Arabia
Chihuahuan	Hot	175,000 mi ²	Mexico
Great Sandy	Hot	150,000 mi ²	Australia
Kara-Kum	Cold	135,000 mi ²	Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan
Colorado Plateau	Cold	130,000 mi ²	United States
Gibson	Hot	120,000 mi ²	Australia
Sonoran	Hot	120,000 mi ²	United States, Mexico
Kyzyl-Kum	Cold	115,000 mi ²	Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan
Taklamakan	Cold	105,000 mi ²	China
Iranian	Cold	100,000 mi ²	Iran
Thar	Hot	75,000 mi ²	India, Pakistan
Simpson	Hot	56,000 mi ²	Australia
Mojave	Hot	54,000 mi ²	United States
Atacama	Cool	54,000 mi ²	Chile

	Coastal		
Namib	Cool Coastal	13,000 mi ²	Angola, Namibia, South Africa



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